

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE OF FILING**

**DOCKET NO. 1988-421-S**

**Application of General Systems Corporation to Transfer Its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate a Lift Station in Lexington County, South Carolina**

General Systems Corporation ("the Company" or "General Systems"), pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-5-210 (1976) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-504 (Supp. 2007) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for approval to transfer its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") to operate and maintain a lift station in Lexington County, South Carolina to Alpine Utilities, Inc. ("Alpine").

In support of its Application, General Systems asserts, among other things, that the proposed transfer is in the public interest inasmuch as General Systems' customers in Stratton Place and Brian Center will receive consolidated wastewater transportation and treatment services from Alpine thereby uniting the divided services currently provided by two separate entities. Additionally, the Application states that customers will not experience a disruption in sewer service. Further, General Systems states that there will be no impact on the total rates charged to customers of General Systems and that charges to these customers will be simplified in that Alpine will charge one rate which integrates both wastewater transportation and treatment services. Finally, General Systems asserts that consolidation of these entities will eliminate duplicative entities subject to the Commission's regulatory oversight, thus providing increased administrative economies.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Synergy Business Park, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and is available from John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire, Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., Post Office Box 8416, Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8416.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission at the above address, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing concerning this matter should notify, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, John M. S. Hoefer, Esquire and Benjamin P. Mustian, Esquire at the above address on or before **February 27, 2009**. *Please refer to Docket No. 1988-421-S.*

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before **February 27, 2009**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 1988-421-S.*

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **February 27, 2009**. *Please refer to Docket No. 1988-421-S.*

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

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